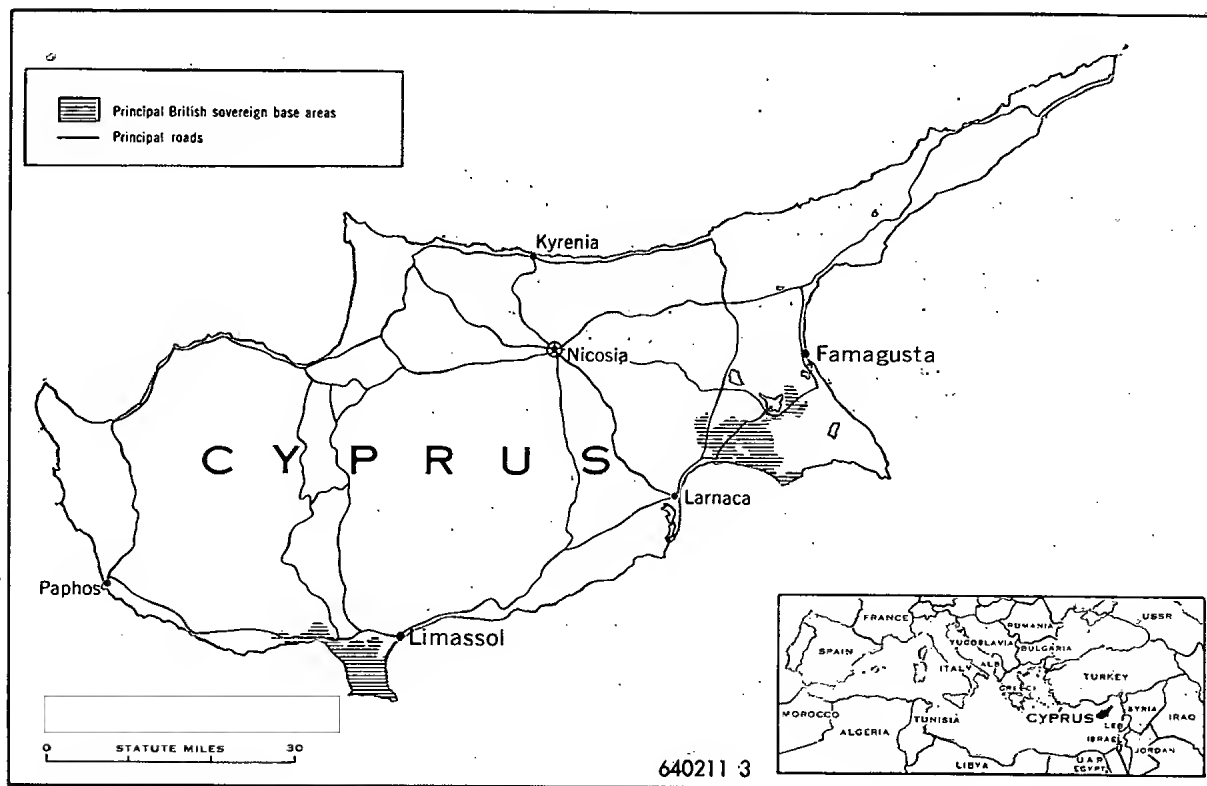


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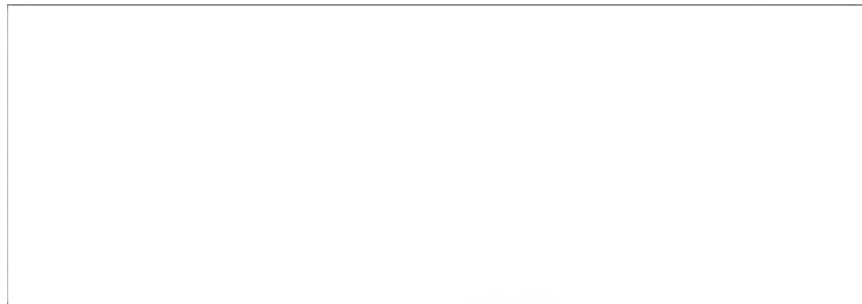
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1. Cyprus

a. Bullets were flying yesterday and again this morning as Greek and Turkish Cypriots clashed at Limassol, near one of the British bases, and in the suburbs of Nicosia.

b. Both sides are digging in for further trouble.

c. Greek Cypriot irregulars are being familiarized with bazookas and other small arms; women and school-girls are being taught the use of hand grenades. The Turkish Cypriots believe that time is running out and that outside help is vital.



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e. Turkish Prime Minister Inonu told Ball yesterday that he is more convinced than ever that the Turkish Cypriots cannot be left to the "mercies of Makarios."

f. Greek leader Papandreou, the expected victor in the Sunday election, favors the amended US-UK proposal and sees a UN appeal only as a last resort.

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g. The Greek Cypriot foreign minister was noncommittal when handed the reworked proposals in London yesterday.

h. Ball arrived in Nicosia this morning to try to talk Makarios into accepting them. The going is apt to be tough. The Archbishop is reported to have found the proposals "unconstructive" and to hanker still after UN involvement.

i. Another complicating factor was introduced yesterday when U Thant asserted he wants either complete control or no responsibility.

2. Turkey

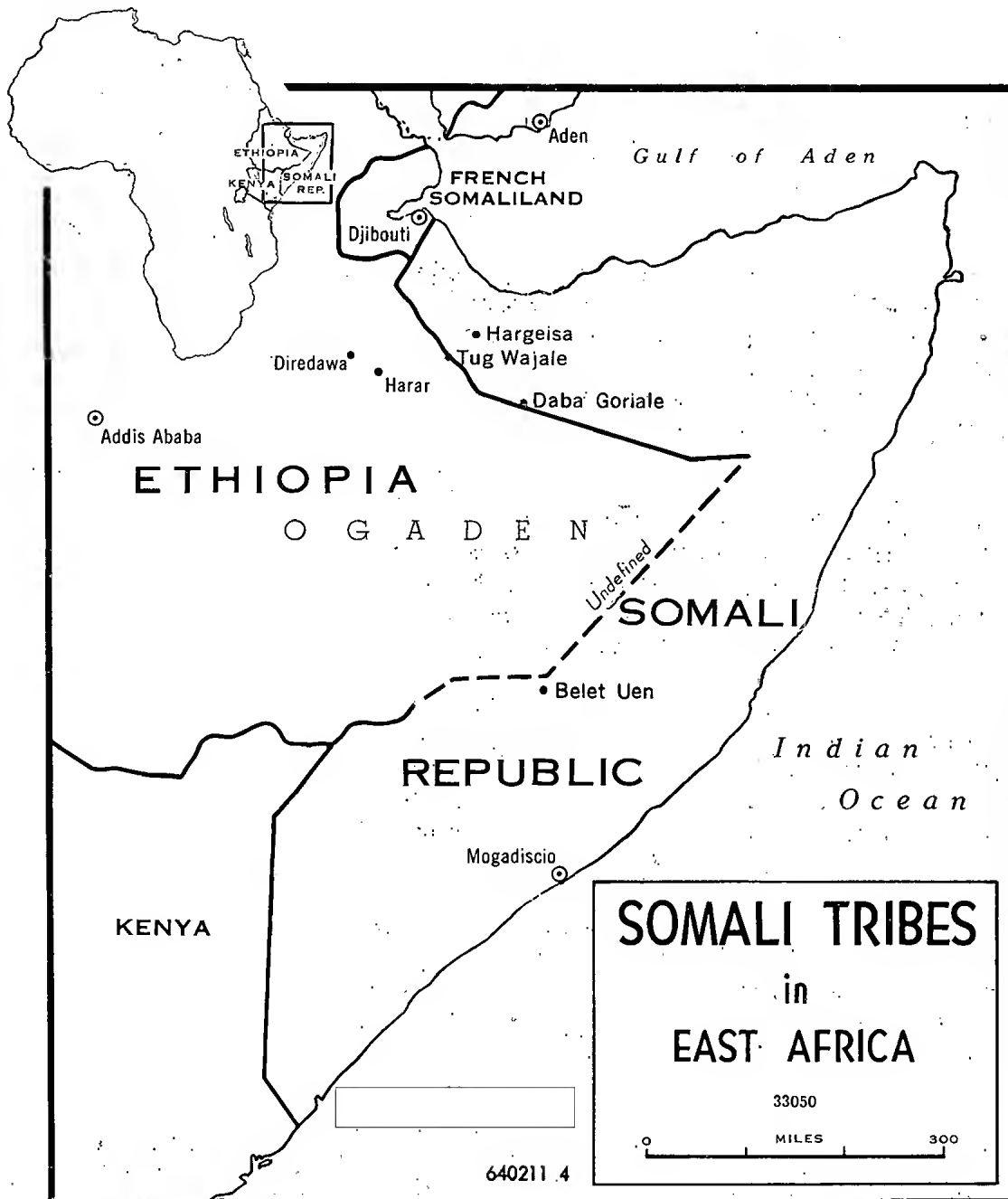
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3. France-Cyprus

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4. Somalia-
Ethiopia

a. There was further fighting last night at several points along the frontier.

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b. [redacted] the situation in the Daba Goriale area "explosive" in view of the fact that the Ethiopians have occupied this disputed post.

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c. [redacted]
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there is good reason to believe that the situation in the area is indeed touchy.

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f. In addition, the Somali radio continues to pour out venom directed at Haile Selassie personally-- "an immigrant Jew who drinks babies blood for breakfast"--and to call for his overthrow.

g. In the face of all this, both capitals say they want a peaceful settlement.

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h. There is a good chance that the dispute will get on the agenda of the Organization for African Unity, which meets today in Dar-es-Salaam.

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5. Peru

a. With rural unrest already widespread, the Belaunde Terry government may shortly face a sharper challenge from a group of pro-Castro leftists whose leaders are talking up a campaign of terrorism and guerrilla activity.

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d. It is possible that the organization may anticipate a move by the government and is trying in this way to head it off.

6. Trade with Cuba

a. The French finance minister says the Cubans are "current" in their debts to French firms and are consequently no longer considered a bad credit risk by the ministry.

b. He sees no reason why Havana should not get normal commercial credits.

c. Across the world the Japanese Foreign Ministry is saying that Tokyo finds it very difficult to effect reductions in the current level of Japan-Cuba trade.

d. In fact recent British and French deals are stimulating pressures for an expansion from Japanese business.

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7. Cuba

a. Describing his action as an effort to relieve tensions between the US and Cuba, Foreign Minister Roa told the Swiss ambassador in Havana that a US aircraft would be permitted to land in Cuba with a crew to repatriate the hijacked shrimp boat "Johnny Reb."

b. Roa did say he thought the main US concern was a repeal of the Guantanamo water ban, but he had nothing further to say on this.

c. [redacted]

[redacted] a moderate Cuban buildup in the vicinity of the base.

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8. South Vietnam

a. As might be expected, the Viet Cong finds the current talk about a negotiated settlement of the war in South Vietnam both congenial and exploitable.

b. They are telling all who will listen that, if the US would withdraw its men and material, all

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"parties and forces in South Vietnam" could sit down at the negotiating table and quickly and easily find a basis for "peace, independence, and neutrality in the south."

c. The Viet Cong's seven day cease-fire in honor of the lunar new year should begin today.

d. One of its main purposes is probably to feed the yearnings of the peasants for an end to violence, fear, and death and to place the onus for the war on the "US controlled cliques" in Saigon.

NOTES

- A. Tanganyika Nyerere, who finds himself in somewhat of a box after firing most of his own army and permitting a number of police to be sent to Zanzibar, seems to be trying to ease away from complete dependence on British arms.

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[REDACTED] Nyerere may ask for help from additional African states at the OAU meeting which begins today.

- B. Zanzibar President Karume, whose staying power we have questioned, seems to be hanging on in good style.

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[REDACTED] Karume appears fully in control.

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- C. Congo (Brazzaville)

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[REDACTED] expect new demonstrations, perhaps extending to violence, sparked by the leftwing Congo youth, or, perhaps, another and larger upheaval by Youlou's fellow Lari tribesmen.

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- D. France-China Having been freed of restraints by Taipei's move on Monday, the Chinese Communists are quickly dispatching a charge to Paris. The French expect him to arrive on Saturday. The French will try to keep some representation in Taipei but will not permit this to be a sticking point in the exchange of ambassadors with Peiping.

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- F. Greece Ambassador Labouisse points out that the death last week of former Deputy Prime Minister Venizelos removes a moderating influence from Greek politics and gives Papandreou uncontested sway over the Center Union Party. This, he notes, will make the expected Papandreou victory at the polls Sunday even less palatable to the palace and the military.
- G. Panama Panama's ambassador to the OAS, Miguel Moreno has returned from Washington a hero for his strongly nationalistic performance. He may be tapped to run for president on the ticket of the present government coalition. Coalition luminaries reportedly see Moreno as a "national unity" candidate who can beat presently favored Arnulfo Arias.